

**Notice of Completion of Inventory of Native American Human Remains and Associated Funerary Objects in the Possession of the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Cambridge, MA.**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

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Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3003(d), of the completion of an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects in the possession of the Peabody Museum from one site near Fort Robinson, NE.

The detailed inventory and assessment of these human remains and associated funerary objects has been made by the Collections Managers and Curatorial Associates of the Peabody Museum in consultation with representatives of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Lame Deer, MT.

Museum records indicate that the collection was retrieved from a sinkhole in the vicinity of Fort Robinson, Nebraska, in 1879, about one year after Dull Knife's Band was attacked while leaving the fort. The collections was deposited in the Museum of Comparative Zoology, at Harvard University and transferred to the Peabody Museum in 1880 or 1881. The human remains consist of five skulls and one femur (80-25/23076, 23077, 23078, 23079, 23080, and 24855). Associated funerary objects consist of a small leather knife sheath, a fragment of textile, and several buttons (80-25/23082, 23083, and 23084). The location and date of collection, as reported in the Museum catalogue, and the evidence of violent death exhibited by the human remains support the identification of these human remains and associated funerary objects as being culturally affiliated with the Northern Cheyenne tribe.

Individual or representatives of any other Indian tribe that believe they may be affiliated with these human remains and associated funerary objects are advised that they are being transferred to representatives of the Northern Cheyenne, Lame Deer, MT, who have agreed to delay reinterment until November 4, 1993. The human remains and associated funerary objects may be reinterred at that time if no other claims of cultural affiliation are received. This notice has also been sent to representatives of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, Concho, OK.

Representatives of any other Indian tribe which believes itself to be descended from the individuals described above should contact David Pilbeam, Peabody Museum, 11 Divinity Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138, telephone: (617) 495-2248, and Steven C. Brady, Sr., Box 542, Lame Deer, MT 59043, telephone: (406) 477-6210.

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